THIRD REPORT

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE
(2009-10)

(FIFTEENTH LOK SABHA)

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

[Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Nineteenth Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Discontinuation of printing of Volume-II of the Annual Report' pertaining to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting]

PRESENTED TO LOK SABHA ON 24.11.2009

LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT
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COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES (2009-2010)

Shri Francisco Sardinha – Chairman

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4. Shri C. Kalyanasundaram - Under Secretary

INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairman of the Estimates Committee (2009-2010), having been authorized by the Committee to present the Report on their behalf, present this Third Report on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Nineteenth Report of Estimates Committee (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Discontinuation of Printing of Volume II of the Annual Report' pertaining to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

2. The Nineteenth Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) was presented to Lok Sabha on 17th December, 2008. The Government furnished their reply indicating action taken on the recommendations contained in that Report on 27th July, 2009. The Draft Report was considered and adopted by the Estimates Committee (2009-2010) at their sitting held on 5th October, 2009.

NEW DELHI;
NOVEMBER 23, 2009
AGRAHAYANA 2, 1931 (SAKA)

FRANCISCO SARDINHA
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

REPORT

1.1 This Report of the Committee deals with the action taken by the Government on the recommendation contained in the Nineteenth Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on the subject 'Discontinuation of Printing of Volume II of the Annual Report' of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

1.2 The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting had submitted a memorandum to the Estimates Committee requesting to grant permission to discontinue the printing of Volume II of their Annual Report w.e.f. the year 2008-2009 onwards on the grounds that the information is easily accessible on the website of Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity (DAVP). The Committee examined the memorandum and presented their Nineteenth Report thereon on 17th December, 2008. The Report contained the following recommendation of the Committee:-

> "The Committee note that maintaining of details about quantum of advertisements and total amount paid to each of the newspapers in electronic format is less expensive and also easily accessible to all. They, therefore, accede to the request of the Ministry to maintain the same in electronic form. The Committee however, desire that the Ministry should make available the information in their website in the same format in which the information was hitherto published by them every year in Volume-II of their Annual Report and a specific reference should also be made about the website at the end of their Annual Report Volume-I"

1.3 The Ministry of information and Broadcasting while accepting the recommendation has furnished the following action taken reply:-

> "As per the recommendations of the Estimates Committee, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has discontinued the Volume II of their Annual Report w.e.f. the Year 2008-2009 (present year) and uploaded the contents of Volume II, both in Hindi and English languages, in its website www.mib.gov.in and www.mib.nic.in in the same format in which the information was published previously by the Ministry in the Volume II of their Annual Report. A reference to that effect has also been mentioned at the end of the Annual Report Volume I".

1.4 The Committee note that the Ministry has uploaded the contents of Volume II of its Annual Report, 2008-09 in the homepage of Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity (DAVP) which is a link site to the main website of the Ministry. In this regard, they feel that there should be a mention in the main website that the contents of Volume II of its Annual Report are currently available in the homepage of DAVP. In the Volume II of Ministry's Annual Report 2007-08, the State-wise information of newspapers was started with State's name at the top and ended with the number of newspapers at the bottom. These details are absent in the present electronic form. The Committee recommend that these details should invariably be added in the website to facilitate the visitors to the website make a clear distinction between the information of two States. They further note that a slip containing an addendum has been attached at the end of the Volume I of its Annual Report 2008-09 in regard to discontinuation of Volume II of the Annual Report. The Committee expect that this information would be printed, next year onwards, at the end of the Annual Report.

New Delhi;
November 23, 2009
Agrahayana 2, 1931 (Saka)

FRANCISCO SARDINHA
Chairman
Committee on Estimates

MINUTES OF EIGHTH SITTING OF THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

(2009-2010)

The Committee sat on Monday, the 5th October, 2009 from 1445 hrs. to 1715 hrs.

PRESENT

Shri Francisco Sardinha – Chairman

MEMBERS

2. Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal
3. Shri Sanjay Singh Chauhan
4. Shri T.K.S. Elangovan
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2. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members of the Committee. The Committee considered and adopted, without any modification, the draft Action Taken Report on discontinuation of printing of Volume –II of the Annual Report of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

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4. A verbatim record of the proceedings has been kept.

5. The Committee then adjourned to meet again on 6th October, 2009.